GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2020
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SCARCITY OF SUGAR IN DELHI
JAIBHAN SINGH PAWAIYA;SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Rajdhani Mein Rasan Ki Chinee Apurti Vayavastha Gadabadayi` appearing in the Hindi daily `Rashtriya Sahara` dated November 6, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the consumers are not getting sugar from the Fair Price Shops in Delhi from September 2000;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide better facilities to the consumers in Delhi and to ensure timely supply of sugar to the consumers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SRIEENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The distribution of sugar allotted by the Central Government forPublic Distribution System (PDS) is the sole responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. According to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT), the distribution of sugar to all the fair price shops in Delhi was completed in a staggered manner by 23rd October, 2000 i.e. three days before Diwali. Likewise, the distribution of sugar was completed by 21st November 2000 in respect of November, 2000. The date of starting and completion of distribution of sugar to FPS during three months is given below:-

Month	Date of starting	Date of completion
September, 2000	25-8-2000	27-9-2000
October, 2000	26-9-2000	23-10-2000
November, 2000	28-10-2000	21-11-2000

(c) & (d) : Question does not arise.

(e) The Government of NCT of Delhi have taken the following steps/ measures for timely supply of sugar to the consumers in Delhi:-

(i) The levy sugar quota for a particular month is allotted during the previous month to the nominated agencies who procure the assigned quantities from the specified sugar mills so that they can lift the same in time for distribution to the fair price shops during the first fortnight of the month.

(ii) All the nominated agencies have been advised to maintain the stock of one months requirement.

(iii) All the Zonal Assistant Commissioners have been directed to ensure that the sugar should remain available in each fair price shop (FPS) through-out the month till each and every entitled card-holder obtains his/her quota.

(iv) A Control Room has been set-up in Head Office under the Enforcement Branch which works from 8.00 AM to 10.00 PM including holidays to receive complaints regarding non-supply of sugar from general public. The contents of such complaints are looked into and necessary action is taken immediately .

(v) In order to ensure timely supply of sugar to the consumers, all FPS holders have been directed to deposit draft (i.e. cost of sugar) upto last date of previous month so that nominated agencies are able to distribute the sugar to retail outlets by 10th of the month and card-holders are able to draw their supply in time.